

# The Hongkong Telegraph.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

Head Office: Hongkong.

Court of Directors.  
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THE Bank is now prepared to make advances  
on goods in neutral Godowns, and on  
other securities, at rates to be obtained on  
application.

Also to receive Moneys on Current Account or  
Fixed Deposit.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

For rates of interest for other periods apply to  
the Manager.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1166]

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK

CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office: 40, Threadneedle Street.

West End Office: 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN

AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK has MONEY ON DEPOSIT.

Buyers and Sellers of EXCHANGE.

Issues Letters of Credit, forwards BILLS for

COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and

Agency Business generally, on terms to be had

on application.

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

## NOTICES.

### THREE IMPORTANT FACTS

ABOUT THE

### STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING per

annum is being paid in Death claims

year by year.

2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to up-

wards of Seven Million pounds Sterling

and have increased 50 per cent. in the

last 10 years.

3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced

by more than double the number of new

carefully selected lives.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong.

### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUK, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 4, Queen's Road West

Hongkong, 10th February, 1891.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

### THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TARIFFS 600,000, } \$835,335-33

Equal to } \$318,000-00

RESERVE FUND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lee Seng, Esq., Lo Yee Moon, Esq.,  
Lo Tso Suen, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the

world.

HEAD OFFICE: 40, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1178]

## Hotels.

### THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably

situated within a few minutes' walk of the

River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive

Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably

furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting

Room, and accommodation generally, will be

found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'hôte is supplied with every

luxury in season, and the cuisine is in ex-

ceptional hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, &c., of the best

quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.

A. F. ROZARIO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1174]

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Packed by CROSSE BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canada and other 1st class packers.

A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891, attention is called to the

NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

Price Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

### MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(From 7, Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard)

THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,

and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

### PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.

### MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

### TUNING—REPAIRS.

Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

### OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

16 years extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people

devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade.

### CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND

Commission Agents.

### KOLA WINE, (VAN HARGAN).

TONIC, STIMULANT AND RESTORATIVE, unequalled as a Restorative of the Digestive

Organs. It strengthens the Mental and Physical powers, and Stimulates the Circulatory

and Nervous systems.

DOSE:—A Wine Glass Full with each Meal.

### VINA COCA.

A Wine Glass Full taken on rising relieves any uneasiness in the stomach, and flatulency.

FINE SCOTCH HEATHER HONEY \$1 per bottle.

Hongkong, 26th September 1891. [117]

### W. BREWER

IS NOW SHOWING.

A MAGNIFICENT SELECTION OF

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL OF NOVEMBER 12TH.

WILL REACH ENGLAND ABOUT THE 23RD DECEMBER.

Hongkong, 5th November 1891.

### W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF

### FANCY GOODS

AND

### TOYS.

### W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1891.

### CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

### SHOOTING STOCKINGS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.

PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS.

CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE.

### CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

### ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS

(ALL SHAPES).

### STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891. [116]

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

CASH TERMS—At

Prices.

### MONTHLY TERMS

—Easy instalments

Spending over any

period up to Two

YEARS.

### BRINSMEAD'S PIANOS

THE BEST OF ALL ENGLISH MAKERS.

### CARL RONISCH PIANOS

THE BEST GERMAN PIANO

IN THE MARKET.

### MASON & HAMLIN

ORGANS

THE LEADING AMERICAN ORGAN

BUILDERS. PRICES FROM \$54.

## Masonic.

### "ARARAT" LODGE OF ROYAL ARK

MARINERS.



ATTACHED TO EOTHIN LODGE OF

MARK MASTERS, No. 254, E.C.

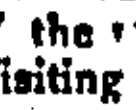
A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 10th

instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1891. [1107]



### VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the

10th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 7th November 1891. [1101]

### Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

W have this day established a BRANCH

of our Firm in Amoy and have authorized

Mr. FRANCIS CASS to sign as Agent.

DOUGLAS LABRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 10th October 1891. [1201]

### To be Let.

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

AT KOWLOON DOCK BAY.

A BUNGALOW with 5 Rooms, a large

Tennis Court and Garden. Moderate

Rent.

Apply to B. A. FRANK,

of Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1179]

### TO LET.

SHOP in Pedder Street, ROOMS on First

Floor, Suitable for offices.

Also

One FURNISHED BEDROOM on Top

Floor.

Apply to

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1891. [1101]

### THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING

COMPANY, LIMITED.

### TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNOTTSFORD TER-

RACE containing 5 Rooms each and

Bathrooms, Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.

Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August 1891. [1101]

### TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. R. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on

to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND

AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1891. [1171]

## Consignments.

### OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM

SHIP COMPANY.

### NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby required to send in their

Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from along-

side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk

and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 5th November 1891. [117]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

### EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND

ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND

PORTS and taking through Cargo to NEW

ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

### THE Steamship

"CATTERTHUN."

Captain Drake will be despatched for the

above Ports on THURSDAY, the 12th inst., at

4 p.m.

This well-known steamer is specially fitted for

passengers, and has large cooling Chambers,

thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meats, Milk,

Ice, etc. through-out the voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd November 1891. [1130]

### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY.

### STEAM FOR



**Intimations.**

**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS, &c.**

**SELECTION FROM WINE & SPIRIT LIST.**

**CLARET.**

per case of 12 qts. 24 pts.

**VINO ORDINAIRE**—An excellent light breakfast wine.....\$ 5.00

**St. GERMAIN**—a pure light wine with a decided character.....\$6.00

**St. ESTEPHE**—a light dinner wine.....\$ 6.00

**St. JULIEN**—a good dinner wine with more body.....\$ 8.00

**CHATEAU LIVRAN 1874**.....\$12.00

**BARTON LANGAO**—a rare vintage claret, 1875.....\$14.00

**S H E R R Y.**

Per case per bottle

**VINO GENEROSO**—a generous round wine, green seal.....\$ 6.00 \$0.60

**VINO DE PASTO**—a medium dry wine with delicate flavor, red seal.....\$10.00 \$1.00

**AMONTILLADO**—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, yellow seal.....\$12.00 \$1.10

**DELICIOSO**—the very finest Sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle.....\$14.00 \$1.25

No. 23 & 24, **QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.**

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**

**WE** invite attention to our first supplies  
OF  
**CONFECTIONERY AND CHRISTMAS GOODS**

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL.

**JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER & OTHER ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PRALINES,** and a large selection of **PURE CONFECTIONERY** from the leading Manufacturers.

**CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREMES.**

**PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,** and other **FRUIT JELLIES** in great variety.

**TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.**

**COLOURED OPALS** mounted in Flush representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of **ENGLISH and JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS**, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**  
**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

**MARRIAGE.**  
On Saturday, 31st October, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Ven. Archdeacon Penhryn, M.A. **HARRY MAVES THOMETT**, son of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, eldest son of H. G. Thomett, R.N., C.M.G., formerly of Hongkong, to **BLANCHIE**, eldest daughter of the late Frederick Busby, of Goring, Sussex.

**BIRTH.**  
At 82, Quai de France, Shanghai, on the 31st October, 1891, Mrs. **MCBAIN** of a son.

**DEATH.**  
At Shanghai General Hospital, on the 31st October 1891, **ALEXANDER WHITTON**, late Second Engineer of s.s. *Yuenwo*, aged 32 years.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

**HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1891.**

**TELEGRAMS.**

**THE CINQUE PORTS.**  
LONDON, November 6th.  
Lord Dufferin has been appointed Warden of the Cinque Ports, in succession to the late W. H. Smith.

**McKINLEY.**  
McKinley has been elected Governor of Ohio. This is regarded as removing the free silver columnar measure from active politics.

**THE EARTH-QUAKE IN JAPAN.**  
TOKIO, November and.  
Up to now we know of about 5,000 killed and about the same number injured. Fifty thousand houses have been destroyed. Relief funds are being started through the country, both by Japanese and foreigners.

The official list of the disasters occasioned by the earthquake is as follows:—

Number of persons killed.....	5,000
" " injured.....	5,000
" " of buildings destroyed.....	5,000

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Venetia* left Singapore for this port at 0.30 p.m. yesterday.

THE P. & O. steamship *Ancona* has arrived at we go to press. Mr. E. L. Woodin was not on board.

WE are informed, by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co.) that the "Ships" Line steamer *Glenagarry* left Singapore for this port to-day, and is due on or about the 15th inst.

THE "Glen" line steamer *Glenagarry* (Capt. Selby), which arrived here from London to-day encountered strong N.E. monsoon and heavy seas on the way up from Singapore; while steamers in from the north to-day appear to have experienced moderate to light N.E. winds and fine weather.

WE trust the naval authorities will "go slow" in respect to their new plans for the reduction of the number of men-of-war on this Station. We can't have too many small gunboats and swift cruisers out here, on this happy hunting-ground of Chinese pirates, and the transfer of three or four gunboats to Africa at the present juncture would be an act as foolish as it is ill-timed and mischievous.

THE Water-police are much more "about" now than formerly. They are swooping in those pests of the harbour, "water rats," who swarm on board incoming steamers, and rob, bluff, and actually kidnap their countrymen in a most barfaced and illegal manner. A batch of seven of these "fly" geniry had to face the Marine Magistrate this morning and were sent sloff for a month or thereabouts for their failure to put up \$15 each, to square the gallant captain's demand.

SOME of the Peak residents have been drinking *sau de Chinois* recently, not *sau de Cologne*, and would be doing so now had not the body of a Chinaman in an advanced state of decomposition suddenly made its appearance on the surface of the water well situated near the Homestead whence their water supply comes. The body was taken to the Mortuary last night and searching inquiry will be held at the Magistrate's in the course of a day or two. Evidently Tyan water mains were not laid down at the Peak day too soon.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS.

<i>Rosette</i> , steamer, from Lon'on.	"	Bangkok.
<i>Drasawongst</i> , "	"	Tamsoi.
<i>Formosa</i> , "	"	Shanghai.
<i>Fushan</i> , "	"	Wuhu.
<i>Whampoa</i> , "	"	London.
<i>Glenagarry</i> , "	"	Canton.
<i>Tooman</i> , "	"	Shanghai.
<i>Nagpo</i> , "	"	Manila.
<i>Zagay</i> , "	"	Canton.
<i>Swatow</i> , "	"	London.
<i>Belarig</i> , "	"	Yokohama.
<i>Ancona</i> , "	"	Pakhoi.
<i>Fraser</i> , "	"	Penang.
<i>Chanchew</i> , "	"	Shanghai.
<i>Laertes</i> , "	"	

Aggregating 17,645 tons. register.

THE report and meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (says the *L. and C. Express*) show that the losses to be met in Eastern trading the first half of this year have demanded that heroic measures be taken. The pruning knife has been vigorously, and we trust unsparingly, used, so that there are no *arbitraris bonis* in commencing the second half of the year. 12 million and a-quarter of dollars is a large sum to have to set aside, and shareholders may congratulate themselves that profits have been so large that this can be spent without materially interfering with either the business or its prospects. What is perhaps more discouraging is the large sum locked up in Manila, amounting to over six lakhs of dollars, which is presumably earning no return. The business there, too, was stopped for a month—causing loss to the bank and inconvenience to its customers—by a decision of a judge who was suspended on inquiry by the Government into the matter, and action stayed pending decision by the higher courts. The merits of the whole case it is, of course, impossible to deal with fully at the present time pending the final decision.

THE *Strait Times* of the 2nd inst. says:—"This morning the limited size of the Court in which Mr. Justice Goldney sits was the cause of the suave dignity of the "senior member of the Bar" being considerably ruffled. Being in motion day, there was a good gathering of professional gentlemen, sometimes unkindly styled the "vultures of the law," and all the seat,—or perches, might we say?—were occupied. Mr. Donaldson, happening on this occasion to depart from his usual rule of strict punctuality, was a little late and could not get in the front row, declining to take a back seat. In fact he complained that he "could not approach the Court." The Court was sympathetic, but could not help the Court-room being small; perhaps the junior member of Mr. Donaldson's firm would give way. That would not suit, and the situation was strained as the learned Counsel intimated that he would "retire from the Court." The Urbane Court smiled and bowed a pleasant acquiescence, but said that the larger room could perhaps be obtained for the future, when the Chief Justice was not sitting. All this time the Bar "sat tight"—it grasped the situation. However by squeaking an inch here and an inch there room was made, and the discussion was on amicably. See to what straits the military excision, by preventing a new Supreme Court being built, has reduced the Colony! Literally "squeezed!"

At the Magistracy to-day Gunner Wilson told a piteous tale to his Worship. He gave a villainous coolie the sum of one dollar sterling for the purpose of procuring its weight in whisky from Sam-sui-so—but the coolie never returned. Unchain the Office Port—

'Twas a warm bright night when Mister Wilson Desiring to imbibe, And to cheer the festive board with whisky, Offered his boy that tribe;

But both were human—each hope elating While the other with avarice burned;

And all that night fond hearts were waiting For the boy that never returned.

Chorus please, gentlemen:— Oh, far away, ay, far away!

Both the boy and the cash hard-earned! 'Twas a cold cold night, and a blank blank morn,

For the whisky never returned!

But the boy did. Or rather, to be quite correct, he didn't actually go back, for he was caught and incarcerated. He was duly brought up this morning and received a prescription of one month. On his way back to the goal he was heard lamenting thus:—

So now I say farewell— Farewell!

I goes back to my cell for a spell. But there's one thing you can tell When you cast the human shank: We shall meet again for well.

# MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present—H. R. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government; Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. F. A. Cooper (Acting Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. Mitchell-Jones (Colonial Treasurer); Comr. V. C. H. Hastings (Acting Harbour Master); Messrs. P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, C. F. Chater, and E. Kai.

The Hon. C. P. Chater occupied his old seat for the first time since his return from Europe, and Capt. Hastings took the oath, and his seat as an official member.

The minutes of the last meeting, were read and passed, and the reports of the Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1889, and of the Finance Committee, were laid on the table.

## THE BOARDING HOUSE INSURRECTION.

The Registrar-General laid on the table the amended bye-laws proposed by the Sanitary Board for boarding-houses. The amendments consisted in a delay of one year, as the Board thought that the object of the bye-laws would be attained just as well by shelving them by trying to go ahead.

The amended bye-laws were approved.

## QUARANTINE.

Mr. Whitehead said:—Medical, Sanitary & Scientific Experts of many nations assembled great strength at the meeting of the International Congress of Hygiene held in London three months ago but not one of them took advantage of the opportunity which it gave to say a word for Quarantine.

Two leading authorities viz.—Dr. Cunningham C.S.I., formerly Sanitary Commissioner of the Government of India and Inspector General Lawson read papers at the said meeting which established the utility of Quarantine was very confidently asserted, but no one was disposed to support the other side of the case, or to effect scientific vindication of it.

D. Cunningham C.S.I., read a paper on "The Mode of Prevention of the spread of Epidemic Diseases from one country to another." The modes of preventing were (1) quarantine, (2) medical inspection, and (3) sanitary improvements. He held that the chief factor of cholera being carried by atmospheric currents, can be excluded from any country, and where it has been distributed ever any area it excites disease directly in many persons who are predisposed to it, and forms foci of it whenever finds localities suitable for its increase; and are often very limited in extent, not embracing more than a single house, or ship; the mortality among the straggling passengers in the latter often very great, while the cabin passengers and all the crew have scarcely a case. So that it is always badly ventilated, and the emanations arising in them acquire much greater density than in the open air; as a natural consequence the clothing of those who reside in them absorb an amount of the emanation sufficient to produce cholera in susceptible persons outside until it has been dissipated by exposure; those affected, however, and the others who have contracted the complaint apart from such foci, do not have any such influence, being not the body, but the emanation from the locality which generates the cholera. Cholera, therefore, cannot be excluded from any country by general quarantine; all that can be done is by hygienic measures, to improve the health of the population, and to remove conditions which favor the formation of foci. The placing of ships which arrive with cholera on board under observation, removing their crew and passengers to suitable localities on shore until the disease ceases among them, wise proper precautions, and may prevent a small amount of the disease among the surrounding population, but can never prevent an epidemic if the necessary factors be in progress.

Inspector General Lawson read a paper on the commissioning of cholera from one country to another. He pointed out that "since 1832, when cholera visited Europe in the epidemic form, cholera nostras has been observed to recur at every few years, and with the milder cases of a certain number presenting all the characteristics of the malignant disease, these cases singly or in small groups, but in every instance they accompany epidemics of varying severity over a very great distance off, and are under the same 'epidemic influence.' Those who support the theory that man diffuses cholera are, necessarily required to show that persons under attack do not arrive at points where they have not yet developed before it commences in the latter, and that the first attacks in the locality have been in persons exposed to the reported cases; but there are now a good many instances of epidemics springing up in localities at a distance from where the disease was already prevailing, and without any trace of importation and where those first attacked had resided in the country for many months in succession without communication with any previous case. So were the outbreaks at Southampton in 1866, New Orleans in 1876, and at Tientsin in the year of 1892, all of which were most completely independent of the epidemic of the conclusion open is that the necessary factors were supplied in one instance supplied in a place where there appears to have been importation the commencement of the outbreak it must be assumed that the disease was communicated by man, unless the epidemic influence can be excluded, as at present it cannot. It is probable that the exciting factors are conveyed by the air, whether fully or only partially developed, and consequently it is not true to say to exclude them; but much may be done by hygienic and other local means to limit the development in the localities they reach, and to avoid excessive mortality."

Positive evils result from Quarantine, it tends to cause people to take extraordinary measures which are not remedial, but preventive. It is generally admitted to be a failure. Nearly all belief in it has been lost, and it is almost universally condemned. It is not defined in the new merchant Shipping Ordinance though it is proposed to contain Quarantine in its worst form, because it is left entirely to the discretion of the Health Officers detain in Quarantine, at his pleasure for an indefinite period, vessels arrived from a port not claimed.

The London Times three months ago defined Quarantine as "a barrier against the ignorance vulgar, an exploded superstition, and a law which no person could be found to support before a scientific audience."

It is not possible to completely and effectively carry out Quarantine in this sense, and the measure and on that ground alone, I object to Quarantine here. If Quarantine is to be enforced upon the Colony against the Colonists, who let it be clearly defined in the new bill, and not left to the discretion and the whim of the Health Officers, however good a professional man

The place previously set apart to be a Lazaretto and referred to in the proposed new Quarantine Regulations has been abandoned. There now no such place, it may be possible to suitably Green Island, and there is no provision even yet made estimates for making a Lazaretto.

If Government have any doubt left in Quarantine as a practical measure it seems incredible that it should have abandoned the Laxxett-Stonecutters' Island and should not have made any provision for the suitable detention of passengers and other persons arriving in these waters in vessels subject to Quarantine.

The bulk *Hygida* only receives persons actually suffering from infectious and contagious diseases.

The absence of a Lazaretto cannot but be regarded as a serious neglect and a want of consideration for what after all is really the colony's life blood, viz.: its shipping trade. The present Quarantine rules are continued enforced with no Lazaretto available much our shipping is liable to be paralysed and driven away from these shores.

Our late Governor in writing to the *London Times* about two months ago asserts that Hongkong, in his opinion, if not the first shipping port in the world, but at least one of the best, which the port stands in regard to our lack measures for carrying out our discredited Quarantine laws is not alluded to.

Let us assume that two or more steamships arrive here with 400 or 500 Chinese passengers on board each, of whom 2 or 3 persons are suffering from small pox, and supposing a fresh case breaks out every 3 or 4 days after arrival for one or two months, what will be done?

The present system would detain the vessel in quarantine with the non-infected passengers on board for an indefinite period in consequence of there being no Lazaretto.

Such unreasonable detention would expose the Government to claims for heavy damages.

These laws which are proposed to be continued are made by Government to apply solely to vessels of European construction and not to native craft. The laws are just about as vacillatingly brutal and inconsistent as they well could be, they subject healthy men and women to restraints as severe as if they were pest-stricken.

Our Junk trade according to official returns aggregated 3,500,000 tons in 1900, carrying in and out of these waters crews totalling 587,838 men in addition to 263,273 passengers.

These returns evidently do not include numerous passenger-boats trading between Hongland and China and the Colony, which carry a vast number of people.

All the passengers and crews of native craft have to be passed and still pass to and fro in the Colony and off the Island of Hongkong without the slightest let or hindrance from our Quarantine Regulations.

The Government have admitted their incapacity to apply Quarantine Regulations to the vast Chinese traffic, or the more dangerous portion of shipping frequenting the port. Therefore our system of Quarantine is rendered useless for all practical purposes.

Why should the European constructed vessels only be subjected to Quarantine Regulations when the Government has not made any arrangements to permit of the proposed Regulations being carried out, and when the vast Chinese trade and passenger traffic are emptied altogether from Quarantine? Chinese junks may convey to this Colony numbers of passengers attacked with cholera and small pox.

Quarantine Regulations are not meant to apply to the vast Chinese trade, and Chinese vessels and junks. Our Government has admitted this in former correspondence with Chamber of Commerce.

British philanthropy which prefers to ruin its own commerce, and allows alien ships to share without restriction of any kind, can be the excuse for the continuance of this vexatious and unreasonable anomaly. Seeing that small is nearly always endemic here is it not absurd to apply Quarantine Regulations to it?

Several Medical men have quite recently all self-consciously assured me that our Quarantine is practically useless and a perfect farce.

The *London Times* as already stated described Quarantine as "a homage to the ignorance of the vulgar, and exploded superstition, and which no person could be found to support but a scientific audience."

Under all the circumstances I move—

"That in view of the opinion expressed at meeting of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography held in London on 2nd August last, I beg to move that the Government appoint a commission composed of medical experts to investigate and report on the whole subject of quarantine and quarantine regulations and also advise as to the advisability or otherwise of retaining Section 2 of the proposed new Ordinance to Control Shipping." And Amend the Laws relating to Merchant Shipping."

Mr. Ryrie said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion. He had expressed himself on this subject of quarantine years ago. It was a most useless, old-world idea although in many places they still had it, but that as it was known because they were attached to a world system. This was not a new opinion of his own. He had for years had the opinion that quarantine was utterly useless.

The Acting Colonial Secretary opposed the motion. It was accepted that "a contagious infectious disease means that you can catch it and surely it was not intended to allow contagious diseases to be imported into the Colony without any restrictions. There must be some moderate exemption of ships—"

Mr. Whitehead.—And Junks.

Mr. Goodman thought it was impossible control junks; but though they were allowed run loose, rammers should not. A lazaretto was maintained at Stonecutters' Island but Chinese junks refused to stay, and threatened to murder the crew and passengers. So the Government gave up the attempt control Chinamen with possible death-guards shore, and it was much better to confine them the steamers. [Then if they murder the ship doctor it won't matter, eh?]

His Excellency said that he was quite prepared to appoint a commission as suggested by Mr. Whitehead to consider this question. Since attention had been directed to it, he had come to the conclusion that a great deal was to be said in favour of what the hon. member had said. It seemed to be in Hongkong, if he might so call it, a sort of a lawless place. We had to find that the Government of our laws were radically wrong, and our laws were too weak and our quarantine laws—that was what Mr. Whitehead's expression? Perhaps it was not intentional, but generally reforms seemed have been brought forward lately as if the present holders of office felt the Acting Governor were themselves now introducing these bills, whereas they simply happened to be in office just at the time when the laws of many years standing were being found capable of considerable improvement. We must all march with the times. His Excellency was not at all sorry that Mr. Whitehead had given the Commission the benefit of what he had read, and he looked at the subject, and thought the term "quarantine" had been confused, some per-



existing system seemed to be the only way to carry out the intention of those who framed the laws. Whether that system and that intention was right or wrong appeared to be a very interesting question that should be looked into most carefully. He was quite prepared to appoint a scientific commission, though he thought it not feasible to have it composed entirely of medical men. There was no occasion for a resolution, as the Government was fully alive to the necessity of the case. He intended to appoint a commission representative of all interested. Their report would be sent to the Secretary of State, with any comments that might be thought desirable.

Mr. Whitehead said he would be very happy to accept that undertaking.

In reply to a question standing in Mr. Whitehead's name, the Acting Colonial Secretary stated that all persons not actually suffering from disease but coming on board an infected ship were required to stay on board till the Health officer declared them free.

#### THE ART OF CLIMBING DOWN.

In reply to a question from Mr. Whitehead it was stated that the opium farm contract had been reduced by \$4,000 per month owing to losses of the farmer, though the reduction was not yet formally declared pending the completion of negotiations with the farmer's guarantors.

#### ANOTHER BACKDOWN.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead's question as to the legality of the proposed raksha farm it was announced that the Government had been compelled by stubborn necessity to swallow their scheme, and there would be no such farm.

#### POOR OLD GRANNY!

Mr. Goodman desired to make a personal explanation. In the same explanation (Oct. 29) of that "reliable" *Granny*, *the Daily Press*, was a paragraph at the conclusion of Mr. Whitehead's speech imputing to the Acting Colonial Secretary uncharitable feelings towards the public.

"Feelings have been expressed by the hon. member which I am grieved should exist in the minds of the officials towards the inhabitants." He had no recollection of such words, and they were quite unjustified. He found on inquiry that the paragraph was inserted after the daily issue was printed, and were put into the report that would be sent home, at Mr. Whitehead's request. For himself, he had always received the very greatest kindness from the inhabitants of the Colony, and he entertained the very kindest feelings for them. (Quite right. What he may lack in intellect he certainly makes up in goodness of heart.—H.K.T.)

Mr. Whitehead was certain that he had used those words, though possibly they had escaped notice.

#### THE BUDGET.

The Council then passed the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, referred it to the Finance Committee, and resolved itself into Committee to consider it.

Left considering.

#### SHANGHAI AUTUMN RACE MEETING.

Judges:—A. McLeod, Esq.; R. E. Bredon, Esq. Stewards in charge of the scale:—Robt. MacKenzie, Esq.; O. Schuffenhauer, Esq.; Herbert Smith, Esq. Stewards in charge of the telegraph numbers:—H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.; B. A. Clarke, Esq. Starters:—E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq.; C. J. Ashley, Esq. Time-keeper:—A. E. Jones, Esq. Clerk of the Course:—E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq. Secretary:—James Dallas, Esq.

FIRST DAY.—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND.  
Fine weather, a large attendance of spectators, a good course, and some capital racing. Results appended.

**THE MALDO PLATE**, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-mile.  
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Hollyhock, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Sassoon 1  
Mr. Ring's gr. Orange Peel, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Sassoon 2  
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Golden Cloud, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Meyerink 2  
Mr. Chouffeur's gr. False Alarm, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Dallas 3  
Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Midwood 0  
Mr. Master 0  
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Hero, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Dallas 1  
Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Master 0  
Mr. Ring's gr. Teutonic, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Master 3  
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Zephyr was favorite at odds of 3 to 1, one Home Guard of the rest being the only pony who had backers. In the half-mile the race resolved itself into a match between the two favorites, and Home Guard, capably ridden by Mr. Reynolds, came away in the straight and won handsily by a couple of lengths, with Teutonic a good third. Time 3 min. 16 1/2 secs.

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Mr. Hagg's d. Globe Trotter, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Dallas 3  
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Mr. Redfern's gr. Bendigo, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Crane 0  
Mr. Umber's gr. Vic, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Machado 0  
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#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 16th.  
The Latin Monetary Convention will be renewed at the end of December, 1893.  
ST. PETERSBURG, October 16th.  
A Samarcan paper reports that the population of the Pamirs are asking for Russian annexation of their territory.  
The Journal *Svet* urges the Russian Government to annex the Khitanes adjacent to the province of Fergana.  
BERLIN, October 16th.  
The Government has decided to try the experiment of enlisting men for two years' service in three regiments.

Boreas, Majestic, Mighty, Belmont and Guiding Star were fancied in the order named. The start was delayed for half an hour, chiefly through the fractiousness of Boreas, who threw his rider and Belmont. On returning to the post Boreas got rid of his pilot for the second time, but eventually got off on good terms with his field, and won a fine race by a neck from Mighty, who came a trifle too late. Hohenzollern was a good third, a length and a half in front of Majestic with Spinaway fifth, Guiding Star sixth, Scutari last. Time, 1 min. 31 1/2 sec.

**THE RACING STAKES**, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs.; previous winner 3lbs. extra for each Race won; accumulative penalties not to exceed 12lbs. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Beauty, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 1  
Mr. Frederick's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Ogle 2  
Mr. Hampton's gr. Comet, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hough 3  
Mr. Juan's gr. Hazard, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Jones 1  
Mr. Meyerink 0  
Mr. Middy's d. Ringcraft, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Read 0  
Mr. Uto's gr. Pit-a-Pat, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Midwood 0  
Comet, Beauty and Bovril were all well supported, Hazard also having many friends. An easy win for Beauty, who passed the post a length and a half in front of Bovril, with the favorite a capital third. Time 2 min. 45 secs.

**THE JOCKEY CUP**, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies that have never won a Race; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.  
Mr. Jockey's d. Determination, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Jones 1  
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Mr. Ferry's bl. Timekeeper, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Jones 1  
Mr. Crane 2  
Mr. Ring's gr. Focus, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Tullach 3  
Mr. Oswald's gr. Craigbrook late Assurance, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Liddell 0  
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Excelsior, 11st. 10lb. .... Mr. Schöff 0  
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Mr. G. Coutts 0  
Mr. Fahlad 0  
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Mr. Sana's gr. Atoner, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Fahlad 0  
Determination was a very hot favorite and taking the lead at the "Widow's Monument" remained in front to the finish, winning easily by a length from Timekeeper; a head between second and third. Time 2 min. 12 1/2 secs.

**THE CLUB CUP**, value, Tls. 100, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs. Two Miles.  
Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Hough 1  
Mr. Chantrey's gr. Autocrat, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Meyerink 2  
Mr. Sassoon's gr. Eureka, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Dallas 3  
Mr. Chouffeur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 7lb. .... Mr. Callaway 0  
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Mr. Charley's b. Arkdale, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Midwood 0  
Mr. Umber's ch. Volcano, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Read 0  
Mr. Umber's ch. Homeward, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Machado 0  
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Vagrant was an odds-on favorite, Eureka being, however, in strong request amongst the followers of the "leviathan" stable. Mr. Humphreys' cast-off had his field dead beaten a long way from home and won in a canter by four lengths from Autocrat, with Eureka a fair third. Time 4 min. 35 1/2 secs.

**THE SWEET STAKES**, value, Tls. 100, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs.; winners at this meeting 3lbs. extra. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Reynolds 1  
Mr. Sassoon's br. Zephyr, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Sassoon 2  
Mr. H. Sylva's cr. Teutonic, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Master 3  
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The Latin Monetary Convention has been renewed until the end of December, 1893.

The issue of the Russian loan was a failure in Copenhagen, London, and Amsterdam.

WASHINGTON, October 16th.

The Treasury to-day purchased 130,000 ounces of silver at prices ranging from 95.40 to 95.5

PEKING, October 17th.

Uneasiness is felt here in connection with the Russian movement in the Pamirs. The new Governor of Chinese Turkistan has been ordered to hasten to Kashgar.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 17th.

It is estimated by the Government that upwards of eighteen millions sterling will be required to cope with the distress arising through famine. The whole of the new loan will be devoted to this purpose.

LONDON, October 18th.

Consular reports from Zanzibar show that the shipping trade of that port has doubled in the last six months.

*The Times*, discussing the Pamir question, ascribes the activity of the Russians to the ambitious schemes of the Governor of Turkistan, rather than to the Government at St. Petersburg; and advises that Russia should be urged to observe the Heligoland-Oxus convention.

ROMA, October 18th.

A shock of earthquake, which took place in the island of Pantelleria, and a volcano has emerged in the sea close to the island and is now ejecting stones and rubbish at a great height.

LONDON, October 18th.

Mr. Balfour, the new leader of the House of Commons, has also been appointed First Lord of the Treasury. It is expected that Mr. W. L. Jackson, the Secretary to the Treasury, will take Mr. Balfour's place as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

A despatch received to-day from Buenos Ayres states that a fresh crisis has arisen in the Argentine Republic. General Maza, to whom the people look for regeneration of the country, has withdrawn his candidature for the Presidency, and several ministers have resigned office. An outbreak is feared, to cope with which troops are being held in readiness.

SYDNEY, October 19th.

In consequence of the defeat of the Government in the Legislative Assembly the Sir H. Parkes the Premier, has tendered his resignation to the Governor.

LONDON, October 20th.

Renewed fears accompanied by heavy rain-storms have prevailed in many parts of Great Britain during the last few days, and several wrecks attended by loss of life have occurred on the south coast of England. Thousands of acres in the midlands and in Somerset are flooded and a large number of cattle have been drowned in South Wales.

ZANZIBAR, October 19th.

General Mathews has been appointed the Sultan's Premier. The Sultan's privy purse has been fixed at three lakhs, the remainder of the revenue being applied to the maintenance of the police, and public works. All expenditure must receive the sanction of the Sultan and of Mr. Portal, the British Consul-General.

LONDON, October 21st.

The vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of Cork, caused by the death of Mr. Parnell, will be contested by Mr. John Redmond in the Parnellite interest. A meeting has been held at Kilkenny, at which it was resolved to offer the candidacy to Mr. Michael Davitt, with the support of the party, but, failing Mr. Davitt's acceptance, the



